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FOREIGN ASSISTANCE FOR MISSILE TECHNOLOGY
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government continue dependence on foreign assistance for key missile technology;

(b) if so, the nature of foreign dependency and the country from which the assistance is being obtained; and

(c) the efforts made so far to attain self-sufficiency in the field?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): The Missiles technology developed by DRDO is largely self-reliant in all key aspects and system design, aerodynamic propulsion, control and guidance and warheads etc. In selected sub-systems imported components or foreign technical support is utilised in order to accelerate the development and improve cost effectiveness.